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SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" While there are available trainees who have undergone the training, is it a fact that the Government have been allowing the appointment to the said posts of persons who have not undergone any training at all? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The so-called training is only working under some District Panchayat Officer for fifteen days. But competent people should be selected as Executive Officers. I think whoever is competent is being selected by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" అయ్యా ! కొందరిని జిల్లా పంచాయితీ ఆఫీసర్లదగ్గర training కు పంపించి వారికి certificate లు ఇచ్చి list లో చేర్చినటువంటివారిని disqualify చేసి క్రొత్తవారికి, qualification లేనివారికి ఎందుకు ఇవ్వవలసి వచ్చిందో వినపిస్తారా ? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I have already answered the question. Too many were trained for too few places and so good people were selected and some other people were omitted." 10-30 a.m.

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" While persons had been selected for training and later on did undergo training and get certificates, why were they kept in the waiting list while others who were not selected for, and who did not undergo training, were selected? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" No one is posted who is not trained. But some were omitted and some good people with higher qualifications and good personality were selected."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of recruiting these candidates through the usual channel, namely, the Madras Public Service Commission which is above suspicion? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The matter will be considered, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question time is over and the rest of the questions will be printed in the official proceedings."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" On a point of order, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member first come to my Chamber and discuss the matter. He can raise the point afterwards in the House."

Sales tax collections.

* 541 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state whether there has been any fall in sales tax collections in each district as a result of decontrol and the closure of Fair Price shops in the State; and, if so, to what extent?

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THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" Yes. A statement [a] showing the fall in sales tax collections in each district from the time of decontrol or closure of the fair price shops, as the case may be, till the end of February 1953, is placed on the table of the House. The fall in collections has been arrived at with reference to the figures relating to the year 1951–52."

Prohibition offences in Visakhapatnam district.

* 542 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state how many were arrested and convicted in the year 1952–53 for Prohibition offences in Visakhapatnam district?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" The number of persons arrested in Visakhapatnam district in 1952–53 for offences under the Madras Prohibition Act was 6,562 and the number of persons convicted, 3,126."

Alleged mismanagement of the Siva temple at Vikramangalam, Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 543 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any complaint, dated 24th July 1952, from Sri A. R. Srinivasan, proprietor of Kalpana Photo Studio, Ariyalur, regarding the mismanagement of the Siva temple at Vikramangalam, Udayarpalayam taluk; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" (a) A petition, dated 24th July 1952, from one Sri A. R. Srinivasan was received by Government.

" (b) It was referred to the Deputy Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department, Tanjore, who after making necessary enquiries, framed charges against Sri K. Sivagnana Moopanar, one of the trustees of the Sri Soleeswara temple, Vikramangalam, mainly responsible for mismanagement and removed him from office. One other trustee who was in close collaboration with Moopanar tendered resignation of his trusteeship and has been replaced by a suitable person."

Proceedings against Kisan Sabha workers in Tanjore district.

* 544 Q.—SRI N. SIVARAJ: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) how many proceedings under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code, were lodged in Tanjore district during the years 1952 and 1953 on the Kisan Sabha workers; and

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on page 375 infra.